

Georgetown City Council Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2011
6:00 pm

The Georgetown City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Everette Varney with all members present, David Lusby arriving at 6:12 pm. After a moment of silence Councilman Penn led the pledge.

1. **Minutes:**

A motion was made by Councilman Penn and seconded by Councilman Prather to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2011 city council meeting. **Motion unanimously approved.**

2. **Acknowledgement Receipt of Bills:**

Mayor Varney requested council acknowledge receipt of bills. **Council acknowledged receipt of bills.**

3. **Public Concerns:**

A.) Georgetown Middle School run/walk event

Lee Dawson representing Georgetown Middle School asked for Councils approval of a run/ walk event to promote fitness during national fitness month. The event will take place May 6, 2011. Mr. Dawson will coordinate with Chief Reeves for any police assistance needed. A motion was made by Councilman Thompson for the walk/ run to take place and seconded by Councilman Singer. **Motion unanimously approved.**

B.) Downtown events

Ginny Kladis, representing Kitty Dougoud, asked for Councils approval to close the town square the morning of April 6, 2011 for the annual Start Walk. The walk begins at 12:00 pm and ends at 1:00 pm. There are three different routes and all routes end at the courthouse. A motion to close the square the morning of April 6, 2011 was made by Councilman Singer and seconded by Councilman Penn. **Motion unanimously approved.**

C.) Businesses opening in Georgetown

Ginny Kladis, representing Kitty Dougoud, announced that there will be six new businesses opening downtown between March 1st and April 15th. Seed and Sapling will open March 15th. It is owned by Resa Browning.

D.) Bridge Street Bridge

Steve Price passed out a letter concerning the Bridge Street Bridge. Steve has researched the bridge and sited a KRS concerning retention and continued use of the current bridge. Mr. Price suggested repairing the potholes on the bridge and the broken side rails. He also said a test for weight capacity and signage supporting capacity limits should be considered. Mr. Price thinks that covering the bridge with a wooden shed and a steep metal roof would keep it in service indefinitely. Mayor Varney stated the bridge is the property

4. Mayors Comments:

A.) **Time Warner Agreement**

Mayor Varney referenced a letter that council received concerning agreements with Time Warner and the Service agreements with programmers that may be expiring.

B.) **Board Appointments**

Mayor Varney asked council for their help with several board appointments that will need to be filled.

i) **Board of Adjustments**

City Attorney Logan Askew read an Executive Order stating that Brian Skinner would be appointed to the Board of Adjustments to begin immediately fulfilling the unexpired term of Don Sharp, which expires December 31, 2014. Councilman Thompson made a motion seconded by Councilman Singer to approve the appointment. **Motion unanimously approved** with Councilwoman Skinner abstaining.

ii) **Board of Ethics**

Buddy Hoskinson has served as an alternate on the Ethics Board and a recommendation has been made by Mr. McNutt that he serve on the Ethics Board. Mr. Askew read an Executive Order stating effective April 1, 2011 Buddy Hoskinson is appointed to the Board of Ethics with his term expiring March 31, 2015. A motion was made by Councilman Singer and seconded by Councilwoman Skinner to approve the appointment. **Motion unanimously approved.**

C.) **Bridge Street Bridge**

Mayor Varney referenced the bridge street minutes and a letter that had been written by Steve Price. He stated that this is ongoing. Councilman Singer asked Mr. Askew to inquire about the ten percent compensation fee. Mayor Varney said the Norfolk Southern Railroad had stated this was their policy in cases like this. Mr. Askew stated he had sent a request to get more information about this project and said he could request this information too. Councilman Singer is also concerned about the original ownership of the bridge. Mr. Askew said that was one of his questions as well and that he had not seen the original agreement.

D.) **Clarification of City Attorney**

Mayor Varney sent a memorandum to council explaining the current City Attorney position. Councilman Singer said the memo had been very helpful in clearing up some of the questions he had received. However he did say someone had brought to his attention an ordinance that states a part time employee would be paid on the pay scale of a grade 11 employee. Councilman Singer said he did not think the city should necessarily pay said amount but that an employment contract should be written for this particular

be corrected to reflect a 1.3 million dollar loss for the period ending February 28, 2011. This same accrual will be made in June but this year the revenues will be reported in June. When February 2009, 2010 and 2011 are compared the report is similar in all years showing a loss. Ms. Pendergrass says the occupational license fee revenue collected is significantly less than in 2010 and she is not sure we will make the budget of 13.2 million dollars. The expenditure percentage is down showing the city is spending less. Ms. Pendergrass stated we have not spent all that has been budgeted and that the budget will need to be watched closely.

7. Fire Affiliation Agreement with Search and Rescue

Chief Bruin asked for council's approval on an agreement between the Georgetown Fire Department and Georgetown/Scott County Emergency Management Agency. The agreement outlines when the fire department is the lead agency and when they are the supporting agency. A motion was made by councilman Lusby and seconded by Councilman Singer to approve this agreement. **Motion was unanimously approved.**

8. Kentucky Division of Stormwater

Eric Larson City of Georgetown Engineer introduced Abigail Rains. Ms Rains is the State of Kentucky MS4 coordinator for the Kentucky Division of Water. She gave a brief update on the stormwater program.

9. Executive Session:

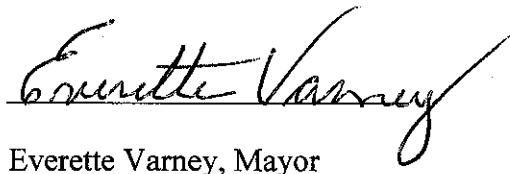
A motion was made by Councilman Singer and seconded by Councilwoman Tackett to go into a closed session pending litigation.

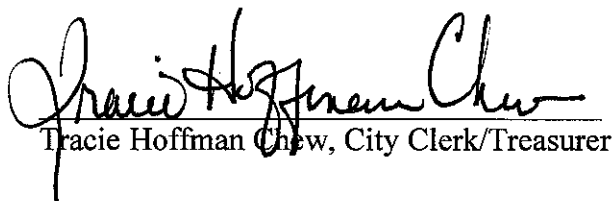
Motion by Councilwomen Skinner, and seconded by Councilman Singer to re-enter regular session of the council meeting. No action taken. **Motion unanimously approved.**

Motion by Councilman Prather, and seconded by Councilman Thompson to adjourn the council meeting. **Motion unanimously approved.**

APPROVED BY:

ATTESTED BY:


Everette Varney, Mayor


Tracie Hoffman Chew, City Clerk/Treasurer